

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) Coextrusion nozzle arrangement, comprising

a distributor portion adjacent an extruder for delivery of an extrudate,

a nozzle portion for the extrusion of the ~~extrudate which includes at least one plastic as at least one component,~~ extrudate, wherein the extrudate comprises at least one plastic, and wherein the nozzle portion is adapted for at least two extrudate flows,

a mounting and connecting base between the distributor portion and the nozzle portion, whereby the mounting and connecting base is shaped and constructed for holding the nozzle portion in a predetermined installation arrangement which is maintained relative to the distributor portion during the dismantling of the mounting and connecting base together with the nozzle portion,

wherein the mounting and connecting base further comprises connecting channels for connecting the channels in the distributor portion with the channels in the nozzle portion, and sealing means are provided on at least one abutment location between the mounting and connecting base and the distributor portion, such that the flow channels of the mounting and connecting base and the flow channels of the distributor portion are sealed to the ambient.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) Nozzle arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the distributor portion and/or the nozzle portion include channel extensions which bridge a spacing between these portions due to the size of the mounting and connecting base.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) Nozzle arrangement according to claim 4, wherein the sealing means upon the occurrence of interior pressure automatically develop a larger sealing force or action.

6. (Original) Nozzle arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the mounting and connecting base includes several annular disks with intermediate interrupted annular connecting conduit gaps for the passage of the extrusion mass.

7. (Original) Nozzle arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the installation or connecting base is constructed as a webbed disk and/or apertured disk, whereby the apertures or the spaces between the webs allow for passage of the extrusion mass.

8. (Original) Nozzle arrangement according to claim 1, wherein at least one centering arrangement is provided for the centering of the mounting and connecting base relative to the distributor portion and to align or center the portions of the nozzle set relative to the mounting and connecting base, whereby preferably two centering members are provided.

9. (Currently amended) Nozzle arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the nozzle arrangement is constructed for ~~at least~~ more than two extrudate flows.

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10. (Previously amended) Nozzle arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the mounting and connecting base is fastened to the distributor portion by at least one tensioning means.